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CATALYST FOR TREATING WASTE
WATER, METHOD FOR PREPARING THE
SAME AND PROCESS FOR
TREATING WASTE WATER

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Enclosed is a Korean Office Action, which issued on March 31, 2004, in the corresponding Korean patent Application No. 10-2000-0083070 and English translation thereof.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the reference which was cited in the Office Action, Japanese Patent Application No. 9-253669.

The above mentioned document is attached with the English Abstract made by EPO(esp@cenet).

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